

## MINUTES

### UTAH OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSING BOARD MEETING

July 19, 2005

Room 4B – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 1:00 P.M.  
Heber Wells Building

**CONVENED:** 1:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 3:15 P.M.

**Bureau Manager:**  
**Board Secretary:**

Noel Taxin  
Karen McCall

**Board Members Present:**

M. Carol O'Meara  
Noni Smith  
Brenda K. Lyman

**Board Members Absent:**

LeOra Brown  
Vacant Position

#### **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Introduction of Noel Taxin, Bureau Manager

Ms. Taxin was introduced to the Board. **Board members welcomed Ms. Taxin.**

Swearing in of Brenda K. Lyman as a Board Member

Ms. Taxin conducted the swearing in of Ms. Lyman. **Board members welcomed Ms. Lyman to the Board.**

Read and approve the April 27, 2004 minutes.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Ms. Lyman seconded the motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

##### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**1:30 P.M.**

Julie Ann Folland, Probationary Interview

Ms. Folland met for her probationary interview.

Noel Taxin, Bureau Manager, was introduced.

Ms. Folland explained the incident that led to her license being on probation and brought her before the Board.

Ms. Folland notified the Board of having a prescription for a narcotic for Oxycod/APAP and provided a copy of the prescription. Ms. Folland stated this is an anti-swelling medication for the pain of Gout.

Ms. Folland submitted a signed letter from Dr. Phillip Roberts stating he has read the Stipulation and Order and agrees to be the primary physician. Ms. Folland will be using Smith's Pharmacy at 1634 W South Jordan Pkwy, South Jordan, 84095, as the primary pharmacy. Ms. Folland stated that her husband is a pharmacist at this pharmacy and will be the person to distribute Ms. Folland's medication at home.

Ms. Folland submitted a signed letter from Mark Bitton, Physical Therapist, stating he has read the Stipulation and Order as her employer.

Ms. Folland submitted a Substance Abuse Evaluation from Earl R. Seegrist, Psychologist, for the Board to review. Ms. Folland stated that Dr. Seegrist left the therapy open ended so that Ms. Folland may return if necessary. Ms. Folland's insurance will pay for visits to therapy. Ms. Folland stated that therapy was not necessary at this point in time.

At work, Ms. Folland stated she is often in rooms where the medications have not yet been taken by the patient and sitting out on bedside tables. This procedure is not uncommon.

Ms. Folland requested Mark Bitton, Physical Therapist, be approved as the supervisor as Ms. Folland does not feel comfortable with the Occupational Therapy supervisor.

Ms. Folland acknowledged that she will have to complete continuing education (CE).

The Board was notified that Ms. Folland will be having a hernia repair on Friday and may have additional prescriptions to submit.

Ms. Taxin conducted the interview.

**The Board approved Dr. Phillip Roberts as the primary physician.**

**Ms. Taxin explained the random drug tests and that Ms. Folland must call every day. Ms. Taxin stated that all drug tests must be negative. If there are any dilutes, out of range, positives, failure to call or tests missed, these are considered positive tests.**

**Ms. Taxin recommended Ms. Folland schedule therapy appointments as per the Stipulation and Order.**

**Ms. Folland inquired about clinics specific for pain management. Ms. Taxin recommended the example of contacting Bradford Hare at the U of U pain management clinic for assistance in coping methods. Ms. Taxin noted the clinic offers all types of therapy.**

**The Board was uncomfortable with Ms. Folland using the pharmacy where her husband is employed. This issue will be address more at the next appointment.**

**The Board voiced concern over medications being left in patient rooms unattended by the duty nurse. This would be easy access for Ms. Folland.**

**The Board approved for the Physical Therapist to co-sign on the required supervisor reports. Ms. Folland is required to submit the name of the Occupational Therapy supervisor. The Occupational Therapy supervisor must also sign the reports. The Board notified Ms. Folland that she is expected to meet weekly with the supervisor and submit monthly reports until further notice. The report must document the weekly meetings, how Ms. Folland is doing in her work environment and any recommendations of the supervisor. Also,**

**the supervisor must sign a statement that the Stipulation and Order has been read and the supervisor understands the requirements. A supervision form was given to Ms. Folland.**

**An appointment was made Ms. Folland to meet again October 18, 2005.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**  
NBCOT Correspondence

The Board reviewed the following NBCOT correspondence:

1. Policy change – Licensure Only. **No action taken.**
2. NBCOT National Conference Information. **Ms. Smith expressed a desire to attend the conference. The Board requested Ms. Taxin to inquire if funds would be available from the Division for the conference.**
3. Homeland Security Information. **No action taken.**

AOTA Correspondence

The Board reviewed the following AOTA correspondence:

1. Information regarding actions taken at the May 2004 Annual Meeting. **No action taken.**

Mark E. Hyder, PT, Letter Requesting  
Permission to Supervise Addition COTA's

The Board reviewed Mr. Hyder's letter requesting permission to supervise additional COTA's.

**The Board reviewed the supervision requirements in the Law, 58-42a-306(5), and recommended the request be denied based on the lack of quality supervision given when a supervisor is responsible for too many COTA's.**

Pennsylvania Summer 2005 Newsletter

The Board reviewed the newsletter. **No action taken.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Chairperson

Ms. Smith nominated Ms. O'Meara to serve as Board chairperson. Ms. Lyman seconded the motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

FYI

The Board was notified that the Occupational Therapy 2004 Sunset review took place. The Law was reauthorization for another 10 years. **No action taken.**

Continuing Education

Ms. Smith asked what answers are given to individuals who call and ask questions regarding the Utah Occupational Therapy Continuing Education.

**Ms. Taxin and the Board secretary responded that the Division's answer is continuing education is not required to renew the OT or OTA licenses. NBCOT requires CE to hold a current certification. Licensee's should contact NBCOT directly regarding the CE requirement.**

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:**

October 18, 2005

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:**

3:15 P.M.

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Date Approved

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Chairperson, Utah Occupational Therapy Licensing Board

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Date Approved

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing